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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Sydney—Examination of Rats.

The following information was taken from bulletins issued by the department of public health of New South Wales: During the four weeks ended December 2, 1911, 2,014 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

CHINA.

Amoy—Plague.

Information of the presence of plague at Amoy was received from the American consul at that port January 15.

HAWAII.

Record of Plague Infection.

The last case of human plague at Honolulu occurred July 12, 1910.

The last plague-infected rat was found at Aiea, 9 miles from Honolulu, April 12, 1910.

A case of human plague was reported at Kapulena, Hawaii, October 28, 1911.

At Hilo the last case of human plague occurred March 23, 1910. At Honokaa, 60 miles from Hilo, a fatal case occurred April 20, 1911.

The last plague-infected rat was found at Honokaa December 18, 1911. A plague-infected rat was found at Hilo during the week ended June 10, 1911.

Honolulu—Plague-Prevention Work.

Chief Quarantine Officer Ramus reports, December 26:

Week ended Dec. 23, 1911.

Total rats and mongoose taken.....	448
Rats trapped.....	441
Mongoose trapped.....	7
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	384
Classification of rats trapped:	
<i>Mus alexandrianus</i>	77
<i>Mus musculus</i>	75
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	22
<i>Mus rattus</i>	267
Average number of traps set daily.....	1, 720

Mosquito-Eradication Measures at Honolulu.

The following statement of the progress of the campaign carried on for the destruction of mosquitoes in Honolulu was received from Passed Asst. Surg. McCoy: The work was inaugurated by Passed Asst. Surg. Currie, carried on by Surg. Blue, and is being continued by Passed Asst. Surg. McCoy acting in conjunction with the board of